

Figure 3-4.

Percent Metropolitan in the Population by Size of Metropolitan District or Metropolitan Area for the United States: 1810 to 2010

(Based on metropolitan districts and metropolitan areas of 100,000 or more population. Data for 2010 are based on the core-based statistical area concept and have been adjusted to be generally comparable to data shown for 2000)

Year	Total	5,000,000- or more	2,500,000- 4,999,999	1,000,000- 2,499,999	500,000- 999,999	250,000- 499,999	100,000- 249,999
Metropolitan district concept							
1810.....	2.9	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
1820.....	2.8	-	-	-	-	-	2.8
1830.....	3.1	-	-	-	-	-	3.1
1840.....	6.0	-	-	-	-	3.9	2.1
1850.....	8.9	-	-	-	3.3	3.1	2.4
1860.....	11.3	-	-	4.4	2.0	1.3	3.7
1870.....	14.9	-	-	4.9	3.3	3.1	3.6
1880.....	15.9	-	-	7.0	2.4	3.4	3.1
1890.....	20.2	-	5.4	3.9	2.4	4.6	3.9
1900.....	24.9	-	6.3	6.2	2.6	4.9	4.8
1910.....	30.1	7.4	-	7.7	4.8	4.0	6.2
1920.....	35.8	7.8	3.1	6.3	7.0	5.4	6.2
1930.....	42.1	8.6	5.9	9.5	4.6	6.5	6.9
1940.....	43.2	8.6	7.8	8.2	4.8	6.3	7.4
Metropolitan area concept							
1940.....	48.6	8.9	8.0	8.5	5.3	8.8	9.1
1950.....	55.1	12.2	7.3	9.9	8.2	9.7	7.7
1960.....	62.3	15.8	7.5	12.0	10.1	8.8	8.1
1970.....	68.4	19.8	9.1	14.8	9.5	8.8	6.4
1980.....	73.7	20.4	10.0	15.2	9.8	9.5	8.8
1990.....	76.6	21.2	12.7	16.2	10.0	8.7	7.8
2000.....	79.7	29.9	11.9	15.7	7.9	8.2	6.3
2010.....	83.1	34.9	9.4	15.5	8.7	7.5	7.1
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Metropolitan district concept							
1810.....	2.9	-	-	-	-	-	2.9
1820.....	2.8	-	-	-	-	-	2.8
1830.....	3.1	-	-	-	-	-	3.1
1840.....	6.0	-	-	-	-	3.9	6.0
1850.....	8.9	-	-	-	3.3	6.4	8.9
1860.....	11.3	-	-	4.4	6.3	7.6	11.3
1870.....	14.9	-	-	4.9	8.2	11.3	14.9
1880.....	15.9	-	-	7.0	9.4	12.8	15.9
1890.....	20.2	-	5.4	9.3	11.7	16.3	20.2
1900.....	24.9	-	6.3	12.6	15.2	20.1	24.9
1910.....	30.1	7.4	7.4	15.2	20.0	24.0	30.1
1920.....	35.8	7.8	10.9	17.2	24.2	29.6	35.8
1930.....	42.1	8.6	14.5	24.0	28.6	35.1	42.1
1940.....	43.2	8.6	16.5	24.7	29.5	35.8	43.2
Metropolitan area concept							
1940.....	48.6	8.9	16.9	25.4	30.8	39.5	48.6
1950.....	55.1	12.2	19.6	29.5	37.7	47.4	55.1
1960.....	62.3	15.8	23.3	35.3	45.4	54.2	62.3
1970.....	68.4	19.8	28.9	43.7	53.2	62.0	68.4
1980.....	73.7	20.4	30.4	45.6	55.4	65.0	73.7
1990.....	76.6	21.2	34.0	50.2	60.2	68.8	76.6
2000.....	79.7	29.9	41.7	57.4	65.3	73.4	79.7
2010.....	83.1	34.9	44.3	59.8	68.5	76.0	83.1

Sources of data: Todd Kelly Gardner (1998), *The Metropolitan Fringe: Suburbanization in the United States Before World War II*; U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census publications; U.S. Office of Management and Budget (1975), *Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas* (revised edition). See www.demographicchartbook.com/References.

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